



Cuban American National Council, Inc.

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The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Docket No. MB-02-235

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am Guarione M. Diaz, President, Cuban American National Council, Inc. and I am writing in regards to the Commission's review of the proposed merger between Univision Communications Inc. and Hispanic Broadcasting Corporation (HBC). As a member of the Hispanic community, I am confident that this merger will create a media organization better poised to serve our community and will not deter competition for the growing Hispanic audience.

The combined efforts of Univision and HBC should be viewed as a significant opportunity for Hispanics in the media and for the Hispanic community as a whole for the following reasons:

1) The Merger will promote growth of Hispanic radio and television job opportunities for Hispanics. The histories of both Univision and HBC are of growth, not constriction or consolidation.

Continued growth of the radio and television businesses of Univision and HBC will inherently mean growth in media opportunities for Hispanics. In the case of each of Univision and HBC, I am aware that more than 80% of the work force is Hispanic and that is expected to continue after the proposed merger. Hispanics are employed across the entire field of employment opportunities at Univision. In fact, 50% of the Univision Board and 65% of operating management are Hispanic. And over 130 Hispanic women hold management positions. Univision has aggressively sought out talented Hispanics for management positions.

2) The Merger will serve to increase the interest of investors and other capital suppliers, thus resulting in the development of new Hispanic radio and television stations and networks. Those stations and networks will need Hispanic leadership and talent to thrive.

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The growth of Univision and its policies of training and promoting Hispanics have created a significant base of Hispanics who now have the expertise to own and operate a broadcast station or network. And, as a result of the pioneering work of Univision and companies like HBC to raise the visibility of Spanish-language media, the Hispanic broadcast talent base now has access to financing sources and advertising sources that would have been unimaginable only a few short years ago.

Regarding the growth of Spanish language media, I would like to make another point. I completely disagree with suggestions that this industry be segregated from other media. Over the past two decades, Spanish language media has grown by competing with English-language media and isolating this industry would be a huge step backward that would eventually eradicate the success already achieved. It is an affront to all Hispanics to suggest that the media serving this community could be considered substandard or different from its general market competitors.

3) The combined Univision and HBC resources will provide enhanced services to the Hispanic community. I believe that combining the resources of Univision and HBC will result in a significant strengthening and growth of media services available to the Hispanic community. By adding radio to Univision's television offerings, it will only enhance and deepen the relationship the company has with our community. I have personally worked with both Univision and HBC on many occasions and truly appreciate that Company's commitment to the betterment of our community. I am particularly grateful for the many public service announcements broadcast on their air, the support of our outreach efforts on behalf of our community as well as the indispensable information provided on their website.

In light of the substantial benefits arising to the Hispanic community from the proposed merger of Univision and HBC, I ask that his proposed transaction receive all due consideration as promptly as possible.

Sincerely,

Guarione M. Diaz
President

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